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APPLICANTS: Hetzer et al CONFIRMATION NO.: 6272  
SERIAL NO.: 09/911,811 GROUP ART UNIT: 2853  
FILED: July 24, 2001  
TITLE: "ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD FOR DATA FOLLOW-UP  
WARMUP CYCLES OF INK JET PRINT HEADS"

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A Notice of Incomplete Reply (copy attached) was mailed on March 21, 2001, stating that the Reply received March 7, 2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed September 4, 2001 was entered, but was incomplete due to lacking the signature of one of the inventors, namely George G. Gelfer.

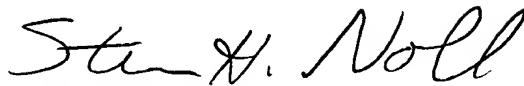
The aforementioned Reply dated March 7, 2002 was accompanied by a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47, with appropriate supporting documents, because Mr. Gelfer has refused to sign the Declaration. All of this was clearly stated on the cover sheet accompanying the Submission of Signed Declaration, and therefore the reason for the Notice of Incomplete Reply is not understood.

The aforementioned Petition constitutes a response and an explanation as to why the signature of Mr. Gelfer does not appear on the Declaration. The present paper is being submitted solely to avoid an erroneous holding of abandonment in response



to the aforementioned Notice of Incomplete Reply. Expeditious action on the  
aforementioned Petition is respectfully requested.

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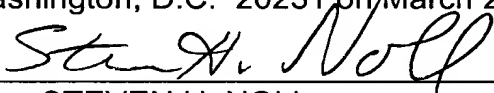
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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

*Filing Date Granted*

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 03/07/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 09/04/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
*George G. Gelfer*

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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